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This memorandum documents the release of the Administrative Record Modeling in the 2020 Census report. The report discusses the use of administrative records in the enumeration of households at some addresses in the 2020 Census Nonresponse Followup (NRFU) operation. This document provides a high-level, detailed discussion regarding the evolution of the methodology for administrative records enumeration and its implementation in the 2020 Census. Not covered is the use of records maintained by group quarters administrators who use their records to enumerate the people residing in their facilities.

In particular, the discussion in this document focuses on the research that led to the methodology for using administrative records to enumerate the households at some addresses in NRFU and the implementation in the 2020 Census.

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